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gent and devoted loyalty, in thought, feeling, and conduct, to the "mind of Christ."

Professor Allen's *Christian Institutions* may be regarded as the most important permanent contribution which the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States has yet made to general theological thought. In a few particulars it will not command the universal, or even the general, assent of discriminating readers; but it will receive, as it deserves, the respect and the appreciation of those who rightly estimate the varied learning and the independent spirit of the author.

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THE BISHOPS OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH PAST AND PRESENT. By WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, Bishop of Iowa and Historiographer of the American Church. New York: The Christian Literature Co., 1897. Pp. lxviii+396. \$5, net.

THE long introduction is broken into six divisions. In the first the historic episcopate is dealt with, and the author labors to show that "our Lord instituted in his church, by succession from the apostles, a threefold ministry." In the second he makes it plain that the American church enjoys the genuine episcopal succession, the Scottish and English lines having at last been happily united in the ordination of Bishop Claggett in 1792. In the third we are told that the Church of England gave the episcopate to British North America in the person of Bishop Inglis, consecrated in 1787. In the fourth the story is told of Wesley's irregular way of introducing a sort of superintendency or episcopacy into America, and a list of the so-called Methodist bishops is given. In the fifth we learn how the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States was founded, and a list of the bishops of that church is appended. In the sixth it is explained how the church in Haiti and the church in Mexico received the episcopate from the American church.

After this long introduction, the book gives sketches, biographical and bibliographical, of all the bishops of the American church. On one leaf appears a likeness or portrait of a bishop and on the opposite leaf is printed his biography. The book is of value, since within the compass of a single volume we have brief notices of all the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, accompanied by their "counterfeit presentments."

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